

Addendum

Black School, Collison Corner
AA-2073
473 Mayo Road
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This Addendum Sheet updates the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form for the Black School at Collison Corner (AA-2073), previously surveyed in July 1987 by Susan R. Wetherill of the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning.

The Black School, located at 473 Mayo Road on Anne Arundel County Tax Map 56/Grid 19/Parcel 374, is no longer extant. No remains, apart from concrete blocks that may have formed part of the school's front steps, are visible above ground (see **Photos 1** and **2**). The following photos depict the site of the demolished school. The site is now owned by the South River Colony Conservancy, Inc. as "recreation area," presumably for the South River Colony housing development which extends west of Glebe Branch. There are no buildings of any type located on this parcel. The Black School is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under any Criterion, as it has been demolished and has little potential to yield information important in history or prehistory.



Photo 1: View of the Black School's site, with the remains of a path extending from the upper left portion of the photo down to the level of the road (MD 214) below.



Photo 2: These concrete blocks are similar to the ones in the original MIHP form which formed the Black School's front steps and are the only visible building materials remaining on the property.

Magi No.

DOE yes no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Black School, Collison Corner

2. Location

street & number 473 Mayo Road, Collison Corner not for publicationcity, town Edgewater vicinity of congressional district state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wilbert Lee, Jr./Deborah A. Lee Map 60/Parcel 347 (.4375 acre)

street & number 473 Mayo Road telephone no.: city, town Edgewater state and zip code Maryland 21037

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 3593street & number folio 534city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title date federal state county local depository for survey records city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. AA-2073

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

Survey No. AA-2073

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

"First Black School after slavery around here" per William Henson, who lives just north of Hope Memorial Methodist Church on Muddy Creek Road, west side. Mr. Henson, born 1909, attended this school ca. 1920; his mother, Lola Wilson, born 1882, attended ca. 1890-1900.

During a 9/18/85 interview, Mr. Henson related that the school was built on one acre of land given for that purpose by James Steuart, owner of Glebe Farm (about 1700 acres). Lola Wilson's family had been slaves under the Steuarts at Glebe Farm.

Mr. Henson's father, William N. Henson (born 1862), worked 35 years as a farm laborer for Benjamin Collinson who owned "Clydesdale Farm" (AA-2061). This is where Mr. Henson grew up, across Muddy Creek Road from his present home.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AA-2073

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name South River, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan R. Wetherillorganization Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning date July 1987

street & number telephone

city or town state

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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BLACK SCHOOL, Collinson Corner

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